MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know from Government whether the Public Health Department has recommended the opening of new dispensaries in these areas?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretry to Government*): One or two new dispensaries have already been opened. I do not know whether the Public Health Department has recommended the opening of more dispensaries.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): May I know whether precautionary measures have been taken to prevent a recurrence of malaria?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Public Health Department has done all that is possible.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): May I know whether any steps have been taken?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of taking steps to prevent a recurrence of the epidemic is engaging the attention of the Public Health Department.

Appointments in the Forest Department.

41. * **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any waiting list of persons who had acted in the Forest Department is being maintained in the Conservator's Office;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether a copy of the list of persons who had acted as clerks would be placed on the table, showing the date of their first entry in service, their period of service, their qualifications, the date of their subsequent appointments, their confirmations, etc.;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the Conservator of Forests has made several new appointments in his department as clerks, overlooking the claims of those persons in the waiting list;

(*d*) in how many instances the Conservator of Forests has made fresh appointments as clerks when there were qualified persons in the waiting list; and

(*e*) whether they are aware that the time has come to divest the Conservator of his powers of appointments?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Copy of the list* with the particulars required is placed on the table.

(*c*) In certain cases, the claims of men from the represented communities who had not acted for long periods were not considered when there were men from other unrepresented communities and depressed classes among the applicants, in consonance with the G. O. on the subject.

(*d*) The instances have been very rare.

(*e*) In view of the appointment of the Public Service Commissioner, the question does not arise.

**Vide* Appendix I.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With regard to appendix I, May I know from the Government how and why the Conservator of Forests has made new appointments when there were persons in the waiting list acting from 1104 to 1109?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Conservator has not made any new appointments. He has made appointments from among the acting men when there were vacancies.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the list given in the appendix, may I know whether the Conservator has not made any new appointments when there were men already acting?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I will refer to a concrete instance. In the appendix, the name of one Patchu Kurup is given as acting from 15-2-1104. Or take again No. 9, C. I. Joseph, who joined service on 4-4-1106 and he is out of service now. May I know from Government why in subsequent years new persons have been appointed when he is out of service?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): When Joseph was appointed, there were several other people acting in the department. As each vacancy terminated, they went out and were again appointed when there were vacancies. Joseph did not come forward, after he went out..

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether when other persons were newly appointed in 1107 and subsequent years, C. I. Joseph was alive? Why was he not given preference?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Because Joseph did not come forward afterwards.

MR S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government are aware that the Conservator has issued orders appointing him and that he refused to accept the same?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is not a question of issuing orders to him. He must come forward.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the method of appointment in Government service is that men who had already acted should go and wait at the doors of the Heads of departments begging for fresh appointment when vacancies arise?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They need not wait at the gates. They should go to the offices.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is not the Head of the Department aware when vacancies would be available?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) He maintains a list.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know then why the Conservator did not issue orders to this person when vacancies arose?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The particular circumstances cannot be ascertained just now.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from Government the principle contained in the G. O. alluded to in part (*c*)?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The principle contained in that is that equal opportunities should be given to members of all communities.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether that G. O. states that the claims of those who had already acted should not be respected?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They are respected.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Then in the face of the answer given in appendix I and the principle contained in the G. O., was not the Conservator irregular?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say there was any irregularity.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government will look into the claims of those who had already acted in the department and who are out of service now?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*). If there is any complaint, that will be enquired into.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): When Government finds that a serious irregularity has been committed, can they not take up the matter and rectify it?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): If it comes to the notice of Government, they will enquire into it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government have enquired into the cases contained in appendix I?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Appendix I does not show that there was any irregularity.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): In appendix I column 5, it is stated that "information is not available here". I want to know what is meant by the word *here*

MR. T C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It means the office of the Government.

MR. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): പ്രാതിനിദ്ധ്യമില്ലാത്ത സമുദായക്കാരുടെ ചുരുങ്ങിയ കാലത്തെ ആക്ടിംഗിനേയും പരിക്ഷായോഗ്യതയേയും പരിഗണിച്ച് അധികൃതരെ നിയമിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഒരു സർക്കുലർ കഴിഞ്ഞ വർഷത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റ് എല്ലാ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റുകളിലേക്കും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): അറിയാം.

MR. N. JOHN JOSEPH (*Nominated*): ആ സർക്കുലറിനെ വായിക്കാമോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): അതിനിപ്പോൾ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

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